

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] As is particularly clear in Figs. 2 and 3, the connection 8 for the fuel outlet extends in a plane that is parallel to the longitudinal axis, [[whereas]] **and** the connection 4 for the fuel inlet extends in a plane extending parallel to this, close to the longitudinal wall 2c of the filter housing 2.

Page 7, please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] As can be surmised from the sectional views in Figs. 3 and 4, the filter housing 2 contains a horizontally extending filter insert with a filter element 11. The filter element 11 is flat. The filter **element** [[housing]] 11 is block-shaped. The filter element 11 therefore fits into the block-shaped filter housing 2 with ease. The top of the filter element 11 is completely encapsulated by a wall 12; together with the filter element 11, the wall 12 encloses a clean side 13 of the fuel filter. The clean side 13 is essentially above the filter element 11, between the filter element 11 and the wall 12. The clean side 13 is connected via a duct segment 14 to the connection 8 for the fuel outlet. The filter element 11 is inserted inside the filter housing 2 in guide rails 15 provided on the side walls.